Adequate provisions exist under The Mental Health Act, 1987 which came into effect from 1st April, 1993 to safeguard the fundamental rights to the persons suffering from mental illness.

Misuse of Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques Act

3044. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the provisions of the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act are openly being flouted;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what has been done to prevent misuse of these provisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Only a few cases have been reported from the States of Tamil Nadu, Haryana and Punjab.

(c) The responsibility for implementation of the Act rests with the States. The States/UTs have been advised to mount an effective awareness campaign to sensitise both the public as well as the health care providers about the provisions of the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Technique Act. The States/UTs have also been advised to register all health facilities and clinics that could be using ultra-sonography equipment. Further leading Non-Government Organisations have been requested to adopt and pursue projects for generating awareness about the provisions of the PNDT Act amont doctors/ clinics/law enforcing authorities and the public at large. States/UTs must provide protection to social activists/NGOs who file complaints about violation of the PNDT Act.

World Bank Aided Health Projects in Himachal Pradesh

3045. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some World Bank aided health care projects have been launched in Himachal Pradesh;